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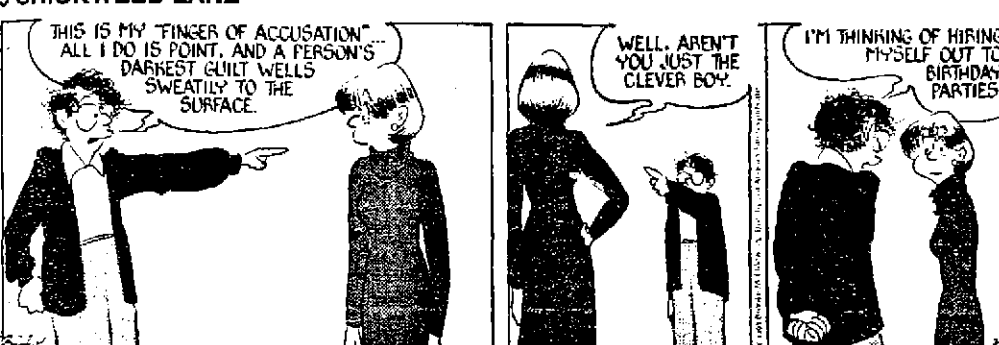
SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



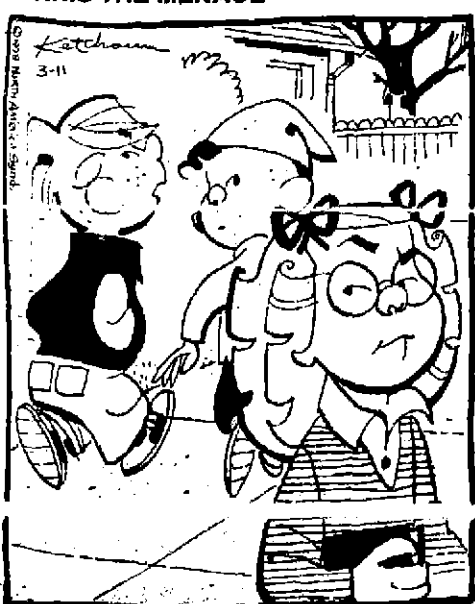
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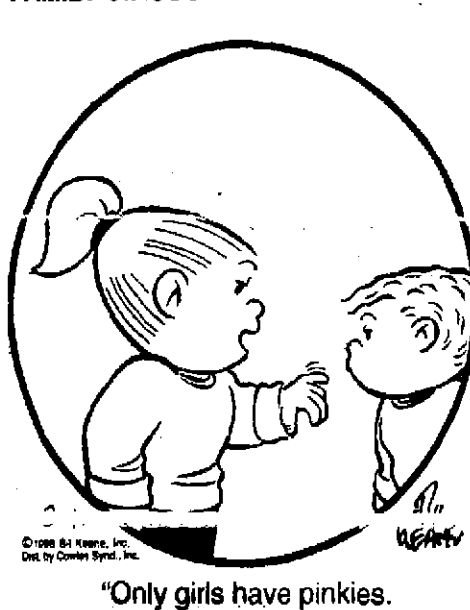
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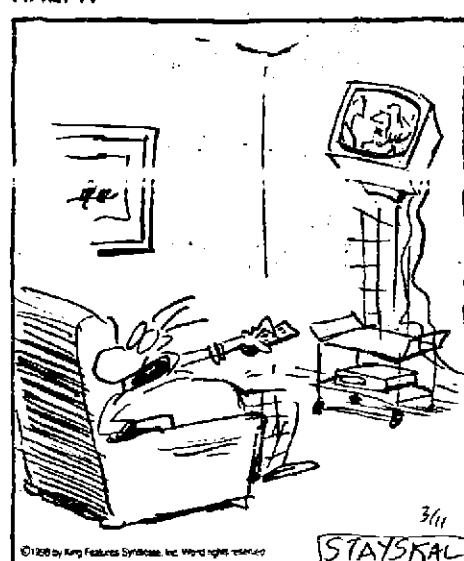
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



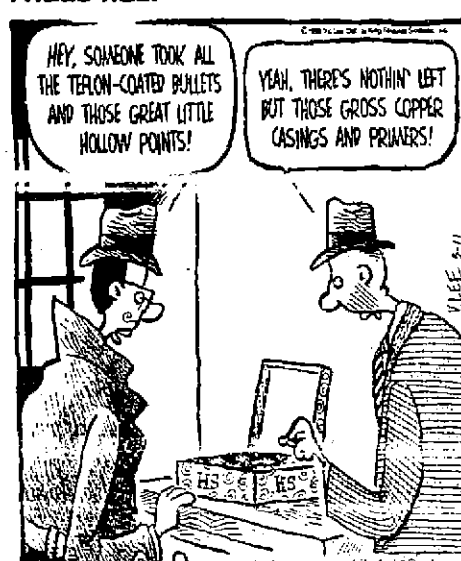
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Today's Birthdays

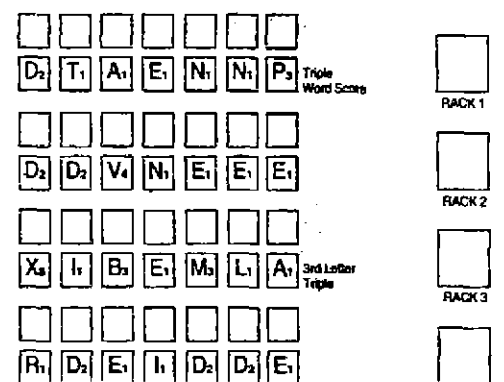
Media mogul Rupert Murdoch is 67. ABC News correspondent Sam Donaldson is 64. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia is 62. Musician Flaco Jimenez (The Texas Tornados) is 59. Singer Bobby McFerrin is 48. Actress Susan Richardson is 46. Country singer Jimmy Fortune (The Staller Brothers) is 43. Singer Cheryl Lynn is 41. Actress Alex Kingston ("ER") is 35. Actor Wallace Langham ("Veronica's Closet") is 33.

I NEED HELP



The Hitman Sampler.

SCRABBLE



PAR SCORE 150-150

by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL

TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 3-11-98

For solution, see Classified.

WORD SLEUTH

- Sale

O B Y U R O K H D N A X U Q N
K H E B Y V S P I M J H E B W
Y V T O C L E A R A N C E H O
L I G D B K G Y O W T R I P M
K I E G A R A G F F D T F B Y
W U S B A Q M O M O E K O I C
F D B B Z T M X E W T U L S I
Q O N L J H U D L R A N L F L
F D C A Y W R V O T T S I Q B
P N L K I A H H H F S R B O U
E C B Z Y Y S W W V E U S R P

Tuesday's unlisted clue: CARPET

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: OPPOSITE OF BLACK

Bake	Estate	Point of	Tag
Bargain	Fire	Public	Whole
Bill of	For	Rummage	Yard
Clearance	Garage	Short	

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For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Thursday, March 12, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're a hit socially, and you make new friends as a result.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You find something of interest in an out-of-the-way shop. In business, you could feel stymied.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're able to present your ideas effectively. You hear some business talk that ultimately won't amount to much.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You could do some decorating at home or dispense with some household tasks. A business proposition made to you might border on the illegal.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Don't get into a test of wills with a relative. Happiness comes through creative pursuits and local travel.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) In business, be on the alert for shrewd operators. Do-it-yourself projects are favored.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You could feel an acquaintance has ulterior motives. It should be an exciting time for you in romance. An offbeat form of entertainment has appeal.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Neither you nor a relative seems to want to give in on one particular matter. Set your sights on long-range financial goals.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You and a partner are on the same wavelength, but difficulty could arise through a child.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Innovative ideas work for you in business. Listen to your intuition.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Surprise news comes from a friend. Someone plays hardball in deal-making.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) You have a hunch in business that puts you on the right track. You realize that someone is being manipulative about a financial situation.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

The defenders got off to a good start against today's heart game, but South refused to surrender. Look only at the North-South cards, and follow the play. See if you plan as well as South did. West leads his singleton club deuce to East's king. East cashes his ace and continues with his five for West to ruff. West switches to a diamond (East's club five was a suit-preference signal), and dummy's ace wins. How should South plan his play? An impulsive plan is to rely on a winning spade finesse. South cashes the king and ace of trumps and leads a spade back to his jack. If it wins, South returns to dummy's trump jack to repeat the finesse. In today's layout, the spade finesse loses, and the game goes one down. Why is the spade finesse a poor bet? West bid the suit, and East has shown diamond strength as well as the A-K of clubs. What can West be bidding on if he doesn't hold the spade king? After winning dummy's diamond ace, South should cash the ace and king of trumps. When West discards, South leads his club queen and discards a spade from dummy. After he cashes his ace of spades, he leads his spade queen. If West covers, dummy ruffs, and South claims after drawing East's trump. And if West doesn't cover the spade queen, South lets it ride and ruffs his spade jack with dummy's high trump, winning the same 10 tricks.

NORTH 3-11-A
♠ 7 5
♥ A J 8
♦ A 9 6 5 3
♣ J 10 7

WEST ♠ K 10 9 6 4 3
♥ 5 2
♦ J 10 7 2
♣ 2

EAST ♠ 8 2
♥ 6 4 3
♦ K Q 8
♣ A K 9 8 5

SOUTH ♠ A Q J
♥ K Q 10 9 7
♦ 4
♣ 6 4 3

Vulnerable: Both

Dealer: North

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass 1 ♠ 1 ♥ 1 ♠
3 ♥ Pass 4 ♥ All pass

Opening lead: Club deuce

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0128

ACROSS

- 1 Siamese and Persian
- 3 Creator of Rabbit and Piglet
- 10 Soak up some sun
- 14 Touched down
- 15 10 on a scale of 1 to 10
- 16 Minute
- 17 Look on tiptoe, say
- 18 Burglar deterrent
- 19 Russia's Mountains
- 20 Ivy preferred by vegetarians?
- 23 Used car caveat
- 24 Cuddly bear
- 25 Rapsallion
- 26 West Pointer
- 31 Chit
- 32 Goalie's spot
- 35 Crunchy sandwich
- 39 Ivy found in Haiti?
- 42 Jab back and forth
- 43 Unperturbed
- 44 Mine find
- 45 Arson evidence
- 47 Harsh criticism, so to speak
- 48 Screening device
- 52 Riverbank component
- 54 Ivy that belongs in a museum?
- 55 One who's in it for himself
- 61 Paris landmark, with "L"
- 62 It's rough on roaches
- 64 Moments, informally
- 65 Fix, as a computer program
- 66 Microwave
- 67 Pot component
- 68 Speechify
- 69 Hodgepodge

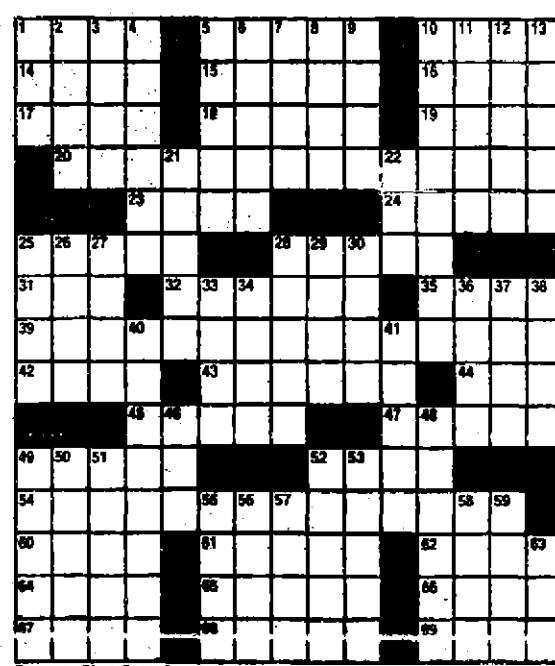
DOWN

- 1 Insignia site
- 2 Actor McCowan
- 3 Wedding cake feature
- 4 Flow
- 5 Don Shula's team
- 6 Runs with no effect
- 7 Kind of balloon
- 8 D.E.A. agent
- 9 Ticklish one
- 10 Clairor choice
- 11 Broadcast
- 12 Almost boil
- 13 Relative of jade or emerald
- 21 Org. to adopt a puppy from
- 22 Road with a no.
- 26 Farr: combine?
- 27 A movie star may carry one
- 28 Jokers
- 29 Atlas section
- 30 Ding
- 33 Send by FedEx, e.g.
- 34 Swordplay
- 35 Teensy bit
- 37 Business org.
- 38 Change for a five
- 40 Cross
- 41 "Hedda Gabler" playwright
- 42 Button on James Bond's dashboard?
- 43 Swagger
- 44 General perception
- 45 Dumbbell
- 46 Impersonator
- 47 First name in country
- 48 Without slack
- 49 Go on a nature walk
- 50 Kind of line

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SLAP DEAR ADMAN
LOLA LOU PLANO
GOING TO EXTREMES
WICKED FIVE AWE
BEEVA GARDEN
REMUS BEEDY
OHME MAC SKIDOO
GOING INTO DING
BANOUT IDA ITTA

ADAMANT SWATH
EGG SIP UTREDO
GONE WITH THE WIND
ADAMANT SWATH
EGG SIP UTREDO
GONE WITH THE WIND



Puzzle by Mark Gottlieb

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